

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 17 to 19, 22 to 24 and 27 to 29 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application read as follows:

1. to 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A control system comprising:

a remote control apparatus; and

a controlled apparatus controlled by the remote control apparatus;

wherein the controlled apparatus includes a receiving unit adapted to receive a remote control signal transmitted from the remote control apparatus, a control unit adapted to select the controlled apparatus or a second controlled apparatus according to the remote control signal ~~as a destination of a command corresponding to the remote control signal~~, and a transmitting unit adapted to transmit a control ~~the command~~ corresponding to the remote control signal to the ~~[[a]]~~ second controlled apparatus if the ~~[[a]]~~ second controlled apparatus is selected by the control unit,

wherein the control unit is adapted to check an operating state of the second controlled apparatus before the control command is transmitted to the second controlled apparatus, and to control the controlled apparatus according to the remote control signal if the controlled apparatus is selected by the control unit.

18. (Currently Amended) A control system according to Claim 17, wherein the remote control apparatus has a selector adapted to select a ~~the~~ destination of the control command.

19. (Currently Amended) A control system according to Claim 17, wherein the remote control signal has information indicating a the destination of the control command, ~~and wherein the control unit is adapted to select a destination of the command using the information obtained from the remote control signal.~~

20. (Previously Presented) A control system according to Claim 17, wherein the controlled apparatus is an apparatus having a video recorder.

21. (Previously Presented) A control system according to claim 17, wherein the controlled apparatus is an apparatus having a TV monitor.

22. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a controlled apparatus which is controlled by a remote control signal, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving [[a]] the remote control signal transmitted from ~~the a~~ remote control apparatus;

selecting the controlled apparatus or a second controlled apparatus according to the remote control signal ~~as a destination of a command corresponding to the remote control signal;~~ and

transmitting a control ~~the~~ command corresponding to the remote control signal to the [[a]] second controlled apparatus if the [[a]] second controlled apparatus is selected in the selecting step;

checking an operating state of the second controlled apparatus before the control command is transmitted to the second controlled apparatus; and

controlling the controlled apparatus according to the remote control signal if the controlled apparatus is selected in the selecting step.

23. (Currently Amended) A control method according to Claim 22, wherein the remote control apparatus has a selector adapted to select a the destination of the control command.

24. (Currently Amended) A control method according to Claim 22, wherein the remote control signal has information indicating a the destination of the control command, and wherein the selecting step is adapted to select a destination of the command using the information obtained from the remote control signal.

25. (Previously Presented) A control method according to Claim 22, wherein the controlled apparatus is an apparatus having a video recorder.

26. (Previously Presented) A control method according to Claim 22, wherein the controlled apparatus is an apparatus having a TV monitor.

27. (Currently Amended) A controlled apparatus which is controlled by a remote control apparatus, the controlled apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit adapted to receive a remote control signal transmitted from the remote control apparatus;

a control unit adapted to select the controlled apparatus or a second controlled apparatus according to the remote control signal as a destination of a command corresponding to the remote control signal is the controlled apparatus; and

a transmitting unit adapted to transmit a control the command corresponding to the remote control signal to the [[a]] second controlled apparatus if the [[a]] second controlled apparatus is selected by the control unit,

wherein the control unit is adapted to check an operating state of the second controlled apparatus before the control command is transmitted to the second controlled apparatus, and to control the controlled apparatus according to the remote control signal if the controlled apparatus is selected by the control unit.

28. (Currently Amended) A controlled apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein the remote control apparatus has a selector adapted to select a the destination of the control command.

29. (Currently Amended) A controlled apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein the remote control signal has information indicating a the destination of the control command, and ~~wherein the control unit is adapted to select a destination of the command using the information obtained from the remote control signal.~~

30. (Previously Presented) A controlled apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein the controlled apparatus is an apparatus having a video recorder.

31. (Previously Presented) A controlled apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein the controlled apparatus is an apparatus having a TV monitor.